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FREE TRIP TO Fredericksburg Between Nov. 15th and Dec. 25th. Your Railroad Fare Paid

To out of town shoppers who buy in Fredericksburg these holiday weeks the Business Men's Association will refund Railroad Fares when the same does not exceed \$1.00.

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The Business Men's Association of Fredericksburg (composed of sixty of the largest and best firms in the city) to induce visitors for Fall and Holiday shopping in Fredericksburg, will refund railroad fare to purchasers whose total RE-TAIL purchases from any one or all of the stores of members of this Association amount to not less than \$25, as follows:

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When in Fredericksburg look for the Business Men's Association CARD, displayed in the windows of all of our members. When making your first purchase from any member of this Association ask for a Refunding Folder, and have your purchase entered therein. Keep this, and present in all the stores belonging to members of the Association when you make a purchase. HAVE EVERY SALE ENTERED, LARGE OR SMALL. When shopping, if you have bought \$25 or over, present your folder to the last merchant making a purchase of, and he will refund your fare in cash.

FREDERICKSBURG

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ANNUAL ADDRESS

Mr. Henry Darnell, Retiring Fair
President, Addresses Stock-
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AFFAIRS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rappahannock Valley A. & M. Society, Tuesday, President Henry Darnell made his annual address, which was in part as follows:

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ORANGE

Many Items of Interest.

Lahore, Va., Dec. 2nd, 1907.

Thanksgiving was observed by the schools and public generally. Many went hunting, not a few courting and some went to town. Farmers raised from turkeys and pig to turkey, ham and oysters were served according to purse and appetite.

There was a house coming at H. H. Burrows. All the children but one were present and heartily enjoyed the reason and good eating. Mr. Burrows, who has been suffering considerably with his lungs, is improved and greatly enjoyed having the children with him and noted their healthy condition and their capacity for storing away good things to eat.

Thursday night Dr. Gifford gave a "The Duke" card party. Some of the crack players of the section, both for its sports of money or money, were present and a good supper followed all for the enjoyment of the evening.

Tenants' changing homes and very busy is on the "hot" side for next year. Messrs. Ellis Baker and great display of turkeys to Northern market.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Full Justice. The reforms and all other great corporations will do well to recognize that the control must come.

The only question is as to what governmental body can most wisely exercise it. The answer will determine the future of the nation.

It is no more a work within each state for the railway commission of that state, and the national interstate commerce commission will work in harmony with the several state commissions, each within its own province, to achieve the desired end.

The Antitrust Law.

Moreover, in my judgment, there should be additional legislation looking to the proper control of the great business concerns engaged in interstate business, this control to be exercised for their own benefit and prosperity by less than the power to put for voters and of the general public. As I have repeatedly said in messages to congress and elsewhere, experience has shown that the mere prohibition of a stop to all business combinations, that combination is not only necessary, but inevitable. It is so in the world of business just as it is in the world of labor, and it is as idle to desire to put an end to all corporations, to all big combinations of capital, as to desire to put an end to combinations of labor.

Corporation and labor alike have come to stay. Each if properly managed is a source of good and not evil. Whenever in either there is evil it should be promptly dealt to account, but it should receive hearty encouragement so long as it is properly managed.

It is profoundly to be regretted that our own statute books a law nationally in the interest of public morality that really puts a premium upon public immorality by undertaking to forbid honest men from doing what must be done under modern business conditions so that the distance between them and the dishonest is not too great.

Not to aim at the accomplishment of too much means means the accomplishment of too little and often the doing of positive damage.

Not Repeat, but Amend.

The antitrust law should not be repealed, but it should be made more effective and more in harmony with actual conditions. It should be amended so as to forbid only the kind of combination which does harm to the general public, such amendment to be accompanied by or to be an incident of a grant of supervisory power to the government over these great concerns.

Interstate Commerce.

No small part of the trouble that we have come from carrying to an extreme the national virtue of self-reliance, of independence in initiative and action. It is wise to conserve this virtue and to provide for its fullest exercise compatible with seeing that liberty does not become a liberty to wrong others. Unfortunately this is the kind of liberty that the lack of effective regulation inevitably breeds.

The founders of the constitution provided that the national government should have complete and sole control of interstate commerce. There was then practically no interstate business save such as was conducted by water, and this the national government at once proceeded to regulate in thorough and effective fashion. Conditions have now so wholly changed that interstate commerce by water is insignificant compared with the amount that goes by land, and almost all big business concerns are now engaged in interstate commerce. As a result it can be seen that the imperfectly controlled or regulated by the action of any one of the several states, such action inevitably tending to be either too drastic or else too lax and in either case ineffective for purposes of justice.

Only the national government can in the thorough and effective fashion exercise the control. This does not mean that there should be any extension of federal authority, for such authority already exists under the constitution in amplest and most far-reaching form; but it does mean that there should be an extension of federal activity. This is not advocating centralization. It is merely laying facts in the face and realizing that centralization in business has already come and cannot be avoided or undone and that the public at large can only protect itself from certain evil effects of this business by the exercise of control through the authority already centralized in the national government by the constitution itself. There must be no halt in the healthy constructive course of action which this nation has followed during the last six years, as shown both in the legislation of the congress and in the administration of the law by the department of justice.

National License For Railroads.

The most vital need is in connection with the railroads. As to these, in my judgment, there should now be either a new incorporation act or a law licensing railway companies to engage in interstate commerce upon certain conditions. The law should be so framed as to give to the interstate commerce commission power to issue licenses upon the future issue of securities to enable the commission whenever in its judgment it is necessary to make a physical valuation of any railroad. As I stated in my message to the congress a year ago, railroads should be given power to enter into agreements with private owners and agreements being made in minute detail and to the consent of the interstate commerce commission being first obtained. Until the national government assumes proper control of interstate commerce in the exercise of the authority it already possesses it will be impossible either to give to or to get from the railroads

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Adm. of John Cranwell, dec'd.

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